

**MATTRESS AND BEDPAN CUSHION SYSTEM USING
AN AIR PRESSURE SWITCH AND RESERVOIR**

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/231,188, filed August 30 2002, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/152,794, filed May 23, 2002, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/032,739, filed January 2, 2002, as a continuation of provisional Application No. 60/260,373, filed January 8, 2001. ^{Now Pat No 6,125,485}
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FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[0002] This invention relates to the field of mattresses equipped to accommodate a bedpan system.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0003] Conventional bedpan systems pose many problems for the person using the bedpan as well as the attendant helping the person. Such difficulties include rolling the person over on his or her side, placing the bedpan on the bed, rolling the person onto the bedpan for use and off of the bedpan after use. The difficulties associated with rolling the person often lead to the person slipping off the bedpan and onto the mattress, thus soiling the bed linens and the person's garments. Further, if the person is very large or completely immobile, there is a